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## The Coming of Lugh

Iarwain

Lugh the Il-Dana came to the Tara  
Lugh Samildanach came to the palace of the Tutha De  
Lugh, master of all arts, came to Eireann

The gate keeper did not recognize Lugh  
The gate keeper asked the Il-Dana his name  
The gate keeper asked Lugh Samildanach what skill he possessed

Lugh said:

I am Lugh Samildanach  
I am Lugh the Il-Dana  
I am Lugh, master of battle

The gate keeper said:

We have no need of a battle master  
King Nuada de Danann is our battle master  
Nuada Airgitlamh is our battle master

Lugh said:

I am Lugh Samildanach  
I am Lugh the Il-Dana  
I am Lugh, master of healing

The gate keeper said:

We have no need of a master of healing  
Diancecht de Danann is our master healer  
Diancecht is master of all herbs and healings

Lugh said:

I am Lugh Samildanach  
I am Lugh the Il-Dana  
I am Lugh, master of knowledge

The gate keeper said:

We have no need of a master of knowledge  
Oghma de Danann is master of all learning  
Oghma is master of all knowledge

Lugh said:

I am Lugh Samildanach  
I am Lugh the Il-Dana  
I am Lugh, master of Sailing

The gate keeper said:

We have no need of a master of sailing.  
Mananan mac Lyr de Danann is our master of ships.  
Mananan mac Lyr, son of the sea, is our master of sailing

Lugh said:

I am Lugh Samildanach  
I am Lugh the Il-Dana  
I am Lugh, master of sorcery

The gate keeper said:

We have no need of a master of sorcery  
The Badb de Danann are mistresses of all sorcery  
The three sisters Macha, Nemhain and  
Morrigan are mistresses of all witchcraft

Lugh said:

I am Lugh Samildanach  
I am Lugh the Il-Dana  
I am Lugh, master of smithing

The gate keeper said:

We have no need of a master of smithing  
Goibniu de Danann is our master of smithing  
Goibniu is a master of all crafts

Lugh said:

I am Lugh Samildanach  
I am Lugh the Il-Dana  
I am Lugh, master of the battle  
I am Lugh, master of healing  
I am Lugh, master of knowledge  
I am Lugh, master of sailing  
I am Lugh, master of sorcery  
I am Lugh, master of smithing

I bid you, unless you know of another who is master  
of all these arts, take me to Nuada Airgitalamh,  
take me to Nuada, king of the Tutha de Danann.

The gatekeeper went to Nuada.  
When Nuada heard of Lugh's coming he said:  
Let him come in, for never has his like entered  
this fortress

Lugh the Il-Dana was admitted to the Tara  
Lugh Samildanach was admitted to the palace of the Tuatha De  
Lugh master of all arts found his place amongst the Tuatha de Denann

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